

Democracy is not being served when large companies like Sinclair Broadcasting control the airwaves and require their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election.

I understand that as an entity using public airwaves free of charge, Sinclair is obligated by law to serve the public interest. The public deserves to see real people in real situations, not smear tactics to draw the public's attention away from crucial issues in a smokescreen of negativity and questionable facts.

I believe this is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation. We need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. Close scrutiny should be employed in any licensing renewal processes. The American public deserves well-rounded information in order to make intelligent decisions, not media control by wealthy individuals or interest groups.

Thank you for allowing me to express my opinion. Please take it into consideration.